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by the way, by bright humor and by many an incident that not only illustrates a fact or idea but is, also, very comical.

**Beiträge zur Kenntniss der Eiszeit in der Nordwestlichen Mongolei und einigen ihrer südsibirischen Grenzgebirge.** Von J. G. Granö. iv and 230 pp., 9 maps, 19 plates, and 18 figures in the text. *Fennia*, Vol. 28, No. 5, Helsingfors, 1910.

The geomorphological studies, the results of which are recorded in this monograph, were made by Prof. Granö in 1905-07 and 1909. At a time when the study of the Ice Age in Europe and America is so far advanced, this notable contribution to similar studies in a part of Asia where questions of glacial geology have not yet been answered will be read with interest.

**Les Indes Néerlandaises.** Par Antoine Cabaton. viii and 382 pp., map and index. E. Guilmoto, Paris, 1910. Fr. 8.

A clearly written, readable and precise account of the Dutch East Indies. The book should be useful in wide circles for there seems to be no other work that serves precisely the same purpose. Most summaries of considerable parts of the world are dry as dust but this work does not belong to that category. It is a book not merely for reference and study but for general reading and it contains the quintessence of many years of research by many investigators, official and otherwise, as to these wide-strewn islands, their geology, geography, peoples, resources, communications, trade, development, government, etc. Each topic is sufficiently amplified to give a good idea of it in its most important bearings.

**Chez les Jaunes. Japon, Chine-Manchourie.** Par Jules Leclercq. 301 pp. and 16 photo-engravings. Plon-Nourrit & Co., Paris, 1910.

Mr. Leclercq, former President of the Royal Belgian Geographical Society, is a great traveller who has written many volumes describing various parts of the world as he has seen them. There is no flavor of the globe-trotter about this or his earlier narratives, for the information he gives is worth while, well compacted and, at the same time, of very readable quality. No one can read such chapters as those on Hankow, Peking and the railroad connecting them, without receiving clear and accurate impressions that will linger in the memory.

## EUROPE

**In Unfamiliar England.** A Record of a Seven-Thousand-Mile Tour by Motor of the Unfrequented Nooks and Corners, and the Shrines of especial Interest in England; with incursions into Scotland and Ireland. By Thos. D. Murphy. vii and 390 pp., Illustrations in color and from Photographs, 2 maps and Index. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, 1910. \$3.

This is the record of an automobile trip through unfrequented nooks and corners of England made by the author. His itinerary is extensive, 7,000 miles in one summer, in all parts of the United Kingdom. So much, of course, can be seen during such a trip that an author is in danger of losing the perspective of his story in a mass of detail. Such seems to be the trouble with this account, which fails to leave on the reader's mind a picture at once coherent and entertaining. Scattered through the book are many bits of anecdote and adventure,

but the writer has tried to see too much, or to tell too much, and the reader sees only a confused vision of hilly roads, vanishing castles, and more or less hospitable inns. It may be that English landscape in itself is hardly well suited to so speedy a means of travel. Much of the delicacy of the picture must inevitably be lost on the motorist, which the pedestrian, for instance, would see and enjoy. It may be set down as an axiom of travel that the distinctness of the impression is in inverse ratio to the speed of progression. English scenery is not built on the thirty-mile an hour plan.

However, the book is well illustrated with sixteen color plates after famous paintings of landscape, and with forty-eight duogravures, of which the author is justly proud. The modest preface would disclaim any intention of producing a serious contribution to geographic travel; as a motor trip, it should prove of value to those who plan a like vacation. Two sketchy outline maps assist the reader in tracing the motor's erratic course, and are drawn to combine on one chart the author's former wanderings, described in "British Highways and Byways from a Motor Car," with those of the present volume. S. A. H.

**Grèce.** Par Gustave Fougères. (Guides-Joanne.) lxxxv and 514 pp., 23 maps, 46 plans and 25 illustrations. Librairie Hachette & Co., Paris, 1909.

In the present edition of this standard guidebook the number of maps and other illustrations has been increased and the volume has been thoroughly adapted to the needs of the tourist of to-day, who is finding Greece more fully open to him now than it was only a few years ago. The new Hachette maps and plans fully maintain the reputation of the publishers.

**Lysing Islands.** Eftir Torvald Thoroddsen. [The Physical Geography of Iceland. By Torvald Thoroddsen.] Vol. 1 and Vol. 2, part i. Vol. 1, vi and 368 pp.; Vol. 2, part i, 240 pp. Sketch maps and illustrations. S. L. Möller, Copenhagen, 1907-09.

This work, when completed, will comprise the results of Dr. Thoroddsen's long studies of the physical geography of Iceland, a subject which he has made his own and parts of which he has already treated in many papers. An account of his book is reserved for its completion.

**Pompeii.** Painted by Alberto Pisa. Described by W. M. Mackenzie. xii and 180 pp., 20 illustrations in color, 4 in black and white and 2 sketch plans and index. A. & C. Black, London; The Macmillan Company, New York, 1910. \$2.50.

A book that may be read with pleasure and profit. It is neither a guide-book nor an archaeological treatise, but a scholarly and painstaking effort to describe, as far as extant materials and admissible analysis and inference will permit, the life of the old town. Such a reconstruction of Pompeii, of course, involves account and explanation of the material revealed by the excavation of the city. The fine views in colors of the ruins and the plans of the excavated quarters and of an *insula* or isolated unit of buildings, add much to the value of the book.

**Au Pays de Mgr. de Laval.** Par l'Abbé Auguste Gosselin. vii and 360 pp. Laflamme & Proulx, Quebec, 1910.

Eighteen letters graphically descriptive of what the author deemed most noteworthy in his travels in France and visits to Rome and Interlaken.